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TO : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe DATE: 21 July 1950

FROM : Chief, Foreign Division M Attn: Pullmah

SUBJECT: GENERAL- [illegible]ernational
SPECIFIC- WIRTH, Joseph

Reference: HQL-A- 1585

The following traces are available here on WIRTH, Joseph, listed in reference document as a Category 1 contact of US[illegible]:

1. Swiss Control Card

Dr. Joseph Karl WIRTH, former Reich Chancellor and Finance Minister, 1921-22. Escaped to Lucerne at the beginning of World War II, where he set up a left wing clique which planned to take over Germany with the assistance of the Socialist movement which would be loosed through German Agent and aid from the Soviet Union. Catholic leader who heads a charitable organization, Christliche Nothilfe, connected with Deutsche Caritasverband. (The former group was later incorporated into the Vereinigung Christlicher Bundesmaten, one of the groups composing the Demokratische Deutschland Organization.)

2. HQLA-1586, 28 Mar 50

Political advisor to the President of Austria; Bundeskanzler. Top level USAEC contact. (Chart 1) Top level Austrian authority interested in Intelligence and counter-intelligence.

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